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An Orwigsburg Tradition! Invite Family and Friends to Enjoy the Holiday

Memorial Day Traditions Are Back ... Well, Almost!

As all of you know, the past several Memorial Day celebrations have been altered due to COVID-19 precautions. Memorial Day 2022 in Orwigsburg will see the return of many traditions, but still not quite back to past Memorial holidays, end-of-school-year parties, and the start to a carefree summer.

Nevertheless, warmer weather invites us all to get outside and take in the beauty, history, and amenities of life here in Orwigsburg. Steeped with patriotism and tradition, invite your family and friends to enjoy Memorial Day here with you.

So, venture out; take a stroll on Centre Square and take in the monuments, Lions iconic clock, and Bicentennial Park. Marvel at the remodeled Veterans Community Memorial Hall. Trek the walking trail through the recreation complex and nature trail of serene Albrights Woods. Wet a fishing line in Fisher's Dam. There's so much to see and do right here in your own backyard ... all within easy walking distance.



Cemetery volleys and parade

Early Memorial Day morning, Orwigsburg's American Legion and VFW Honor Guard contingent will visit area cemeteries and fire volley salutes over veterans laid to rest at each. Family members, neighbors and friends will line the town square and along the parade route to herald town and regional dignitaries, members of the Legion and VFW, civic and social organizations, emergency services, and others marching in order to honor the day. The parade steps off at 8 a.m. this year on Monday, May 30.

A Memorial Day service will again be held on Centre Square following the parade amidst the many monuments honoring all service personnel who served this country in time of war.

The Orwigsburg Lions Club will again offer its chicken barbeque at the beautiful Veterans Community Memorial Hall located at Grove and North Washington streets. This year's barbecue will be a "drive-thru" only event due to construction on the Veterans Foyer at the Memorial entrance. The Lions will be serving up a full meal for pick-up to enjoy at home.

Advance purchase of tickets from any Lions member is advised. The Lions will also be selling 50-50 raffle tickets in advance and during pickup on Memorial Day.

SPRING/SUMMER EVENTS

Memorial Day Parade and Lions Club Chicken BBQ – Monday, May 30; activities begin at 8 a.m.

Square Time – June Jamboree – Thurs., June 9 5 to 8 p.m.; Artists, wine/beer/distilled spirits, food vendors, live music; fun.



Farm-To-Square – Thurs., Aug. 11 5 to 8 p.m. Featuring local farm market goods, wineries, breweries, local restaurants, live music, and more.

National Night Out – Tues., Aug. 2 – 6 to 8 p.m.; Centre Square. Residents are asked to come out to honor local State and Borough Police.

Salem UMC Free Block Party – Sunday, Aug. 28 – 3 to 7 p.m.; 100 Block of West Independence St.

Orwigsburg Heritage Day – Saturday, Sept. 10 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.; Vendors galore! Celebrate our town's past, enjoy its present, and anticipate its future. All day fun, food & entertainment for all ages.



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Orwigsburg Borough Council meets the First and Second Wednesday of each month beginning at 7 p.m. in the Council Chambers, second floor of the Orwigsburg Municipal Building, 209 North Warren Street.

Currently there are no unique COVID-19 precautions in place for public attendance at either of these meetings. The public is urged to exercise masking and social distancing as one's personal needs dictate.

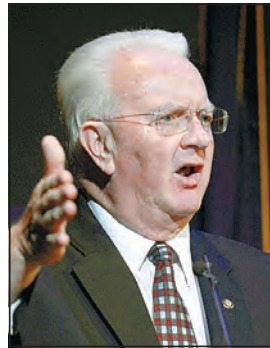
OFFICIAL BOROUGH HOLIDAYS

Orwigsburg Borough offices and services will be closed in observance of the stated holidays in 2022 - Presidents Day, Feb. 21; Good Friday, April 15; Memorial Day, May 30; Independence Day, July 4; Labor Day, Sept. 5; Veterans' Day, Nov. 11; Thanksgiving, Nov. 24 and 25; Christmas Eve and Day, Dec. 23 and 26 (observed); New Year's Eve and Day, Dec. 30 and Jan. 2, 2022 (observed).

State Rep. Jerry Knowles

Final Months to Retirement

I want to express my appreciation to the residents of Orwigsburg, as well as the entire 124th Legislative District, for allowing me to represent you in Harrisburg. As you may know, after serving almost 14 years in the House of Representatives, I will be retiring on Nov. 30.



**Representative
Jerry Knowles**

It has been an honor and a privilege to represent our communities in Harrisburg. It's very humbling to have earned the trust of so many across a lifetime of service. But my wife, Lorraine, and I know it's time to pass the torch to someone else.

I have loved and enjoyed my time in community service. I have been honored to also serve in the positions of Tam-aqua police officer, volunteer firefighter, borough councilman, mayor and county commissioner. How many people who love community service have had this many opportunities to pursue their passion? I couldn't have done as much without so many wonderful friends and neighbors.

Also, there is absolutely no way I could have helped as many people as I've been blessed to without my staff. I am very fortunate to have such great individuals who work so hard serving local constituents.

In addition to the work that is done at my district office, I am proud of my votes in Harrisburg. As a former small-business owner, I am especially proud of my focus on cutting wasteful government spending and helping small businesses create jobs.

After 50 years in public service, I look forward to spending more time in retirement with my wife of 48 years and my sons and grandsons. When you look back over a career in public service, you hope you made a difference for the next generation. There's more work to be done this year, but I sincerely hope the America my grandchildren, and the America your children and grandchildren, inherit is even better than the one we call home today.

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Improvements Keep Coming on a Number of Fronts

Change. The one constant in our lives. Changes take place in the Borough every day.

You may note, on Page 16 of this newsletter issue, we have added a "guest" article. This month, Tori Morgan from Entech Engineering has added information about



RANDY MILLER
Borough Manager

Federal "clean-water" requirements.

Other changes are happening as well. The Veterans Community Memorial Hall is being renovated. Orwigsburg Borough and its residents, along with the surrounding region, owe deep appreciation and acknowledgment to the people who have worked so diligently over nearly twenty years to bring the Veterans Memorial back from the brink of decay.

I direct your attention to the article from Bob Carl on the Veterans Memorial and the renovations occurring

there. At some point, likely in the fall, there will be a re-dedication of the Veterans Community Memorial Hall.

The Borough is also working with a number of agencies of the State, Region, and Country on the implementation of various grants that will fix, repair, and add new facilities in the Borough.

Additionally, the Borough street and maintenance workers continue to repair stormwater conveyance throughout the town and make preparations for paving projects. This year the Borough received Liquid Fuel Funds from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in the amount of \$103,000. To this, the Borough has added another \$50,000 from the General Fund for street work.

That's the good news. The bad news is that the prices of gasoline, diesel, kerosene, and oil - all used to produce and transport paving materials - have increased to extremely high levels. The end result is that \$153,000 does not go far. Hopefully, market timing and working to apply as much local manpower will allow for a few more blocks to be recovered.



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- Remain open 50 hours per week for convenient access
- Support the facility's operational needs and exemplary staff
- Meet the state Standards of Excellence and remain a PA Forward Library

The Orwigsburg Library

continues to serve as a community center of information, technology, and learning that will fuel educational, economic and recreational opportunity for all of our patrons. You can help us continue our mission! State funding received accounts for only 15% of our annual operating budget - we rely on generous community donors to make up the difference!



Meet the Hinkle Family:

Tom, Kelly and Holden started utilizing the Library when Kelly had a desire to get back into reading after becoming a stay at home mom. Holden quickly became a big fan of the children's play area and book collection.

"There is always something new to explore at the Orwigsburg Library!"

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From the desk of Police Chief Vince McDonald

Protecting and Serving – Things You Should Know!

As you read this, it will mark approximately one year since I succeeded John Koury as Orwigsburg's new Police Chief. In that year, there have been several notable developments that I want to recap.

Body cameras standard

As I started work here in Orwigsburg, the Police Department was in the process of implementing body cameras. Currently, all officers wear a camera on their person. The addition of these cameras has helped us immensely in prosecuting criminal cases and also to quell citizen complaints.

Any time an Orwigsburg police officer makes a traffic stop, there are three cameras documenting the incident – a body-worn camera, a dash camera, and a panoramic dash camera that gives a 180-degree field of vision. In addition, our vehicles are also equipped with cabin cameras that record the backseat.

New police vehicle put into service

We recently received delivery of a 2022 Ford Explorer Interceptor. This will replace our 2016 Ford Ex-

plorer that has served the department well, logging over 100,000 miles on its odometer. It will be donated to the Orwigsburg Fire Department where it can continue to be of service to the Borough.

National Night Out

Looking ahead, we plan to host the first-ever "National Night Out in Orwigsburg." The event is annually held on the first Tuesday in August – this year on Tuesday, August 2. National Night Out is a community-building campaign that promotes positive police interactions and neighborhood camaraderie.

This issue of *Orwigsburg Happenings* has some of the particulars. Details are still being finalized, but be on the lookout for more information as the event approaches.

Going away? Let us know!

It's soon summertime. Many residents are planning their vacation getaway or travel to visit family elsewhere. If you are going away for a few days, a few weeks, or perhaps even a few months, consider letting the Orwigsburg Police Department know. We have a simple form to fill out with away dates, contact information, and information about people that may be allowed access to your house.

In this way when our officers are on patrol, should they see any suspicious activity, we'll know beforehand whether or not anyone should be there. In the event of an emergency, we'll know who to contact. Should you wish to fill out our security check, you can stop by the police station or visit orwigsburg.gov and look for the "forms" tab.

– Vince McDonald, Orwigsburg Police Chief



SPREAD THE WORD

Interested in submitting an article for next quarter's issue of *Orwigsburg Happenings*? We welcome community service and non-profit organization information. Please contact Kathi Mengle at 570-366-3103 or kmengel@orwigsburg.gov.



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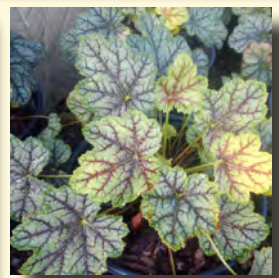
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Veterans Community Memorial Hall

October or Late Year Dedication Is Anticipated

Work Begins on Veterans Foyer, Audiovisual Contracts

Orwigsburg Borough and the Veterans Memorial Development Taskforce have worked in collaboration and partnership over the past 17 years; but, in much more detail in calendar years 2021 and 2022.

The major thrust recently was to prepare final documents used for the \$750,000 RACP Grant received from Governor Wolf with the advocacy support of our State delegation – led by Rep. Jerry Knowles, and joined by Senator Argall and former PA Representatives Goodman and Tobash.

The grant process came to fruition in the fall of 2021 as the package was put out for bid and awarded to Miller Brothers Construction, the low qualified bidder, by Orwigsburg Borough Council in December.

This spring, the Taskforce, in partnership with the Borough and consultant, Alfred Benesch & Co., vetted four audiovisual contract proposals. Moyer Electronic Supply Company, Inc., a Schuylkill County firm, was awarded the \$100,000 contract in March.

Both the Miller Brothers contract for the \$750,000 RACP award and the Moyer Electronic contract commenced in April. Oversight of the contracts will be managed by Benesch Company with on-site oversight handled by Kevin Richards working with the Borough. The interior construction is expected to be completed in October this year. The work will necessitate some limitations to accessibility and reservations at the Memorial to ensure public safety and to keep con-



struction on track.

The audiovisual procurement will greatly enhance the utilization of the building for public meetings, both large and small, and will provide technical capabilities in many areas of the building, including the large gymnasium, the conference rooms, and the Veterans Foyer. This will make the Memorial a multi-use facility, enhancing this great treasure for the Orwigsburg

community and greater Schuylkill County region.

The original intent of the building – from its conception in the late 1940s to its dedication in 1950 and now, through today – was to honor and commemorate the great service of our Veterans. The Veterans Foyer of Honor, now under construction at the new entrance to the Memorial, will do just that! It will be the focal recognition point to “Honor All Our Veterans.”

The design will include the Veterans Honor Board, organized by named conflict; a Veterans Memorial Donor Board, recognizing the major contributors initiated in 2005; various Veteran murals; and, a conflict timeline.

The Veterans Foyer will also become home to the original Schuylkill County Court House clock – the courthouse located in Orwigsburg where the M & T Bank / Community Lot is at present – and then housed on a chimney tower of the original 1950 Community Memorial Building.

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Veterans Community Memorial Hall

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Thanks to the commitment, fundraising and tireless efforts of the Schuylkill Lodge #138 members, the clock has been restored; its mechanism made functional; and will be proudly displayed in the foyer.

At a recent board meeting of the Taskforce, a sum of \$56,000 of locally-raised funds was authorized to Orwigsburg Borough for support and service for surrounding access/service areas. This payment in addition to the \$100,000 audiovisual contract has significantly depleted the Taskforce treasury.

Additionally, pandemic delays and consequential increases in project costs have necessitated new fundraising measures to bring the project to realization.

For those seeking more info, the Taskforce recommends and points to two excellent video productions highlighting the importance of this Veterans Memorial restoration. One, produced by R&D Communications Co. is available via the Republican Herald Newspaper YouTube channel under "Orwigsburg Veterans Memorial." The other can be found at SSPTV.com via the link <https://ssptv.com/orwigsburg-veterans-community-memorial-hall/>.

Interested parties are urged to send contributions,

of any amount, to Orwigsburg Veterans Memorial Development Taskforce, P.O. Box 157, Orwigsburg, PA 17961. Contributions may be eligible for a 501(c)3 tax deduction.

- Robert S. Carl, Jr., Taskforce President

State Sen. David Argall

Supporting Local Farms

Farming is Pennsylvania's economic and cultural backbone. With 52,000 farms spread out across 7.3 million acres of farmland, Pennsylvania farmers are responsible for more than 280,000 jobs.



Senator
David Argall

Southern Schuylkill County is home to many family-run farms, many that span back generations. Visiting local markets during the summer is a great way to support local farmers and a great way to find fresh produce and meat!

One of my top priorities in this year's budget process is funding the Growing Greener III program. This program would build on the success of two previous rounds of funding by addressing the backlog of farms wanting to permanently preserve their farms through our nation-leading farmland preservation program. It will also fund projects in state parks and environmental remediation.

I was one of the sponsors of the original Growing Greener program and have witnessed first-hand the impact it's had on our environment. Farmers and landowners in my district have contacted me to share their support for this new funding. Making this one-time investment will create lasting environmental improvements for local farmers and the larger Schuylkill County community.

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Orwigsburg Area Free Public Library

It Takes a Community to Build and Support a Library!

The flowers are blooming; the birds are singing - it's time to venture out into the neighborhood.



Well, drop on by the Orwigsburg Area Free Public library and see the wide variety of activities - Clubs, Children's Summer Reading, Adult Programs, Family Events, and the list goes on and on - your Library has to offer. All are available to you with an active Library Card. Make sure to bring your Driver's License or valid Photo ID if you need to sign up.

Summer programming for all

Oceans of Possibilities - That's the theme of the exciting Summer Reading Program that awaits your youngster(s). You never know what you will find at the Orwigsburg Library.

Preschool Children - Summer Story time will be held Tuesdays at 11 a.m. beginning June 14 and running thru August 2.

Elementary Children (having attended kindergarten) - Summer Story time will be held Thursdays at 4 p.m. beginning June 16 thru August 4.

Adult Summer Reading - "Sands of Time" is a historical fiction read taking adult readers from the Dawn of Time to the Present.

Super special summer events

- Meet the Farmers Farm Tour and Field Trip - Sponsored by the Schuylkill-Carbon County Farm Bureau, this bus trip will be held Sat., June 4. Available to all ages, this will be a Road Event for the Summer Reading Program. Pre-registration is a must.

- Camden Adventure Aquarium - This program at the Library will be held Tuesday, June 21 at 2 p.m.

- How I Became a Pirate - Another Road Event for the Summer Reading Program, this trip will be held



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Tuesday, July 19 and is sponsored by a grant from The Benevolent Association of Pottsville.

- Andrew's Big Show - At the Library, this program will be held Thurs., July 28 at 4 p.m.

Saturday activities at the Library

Creative Play is featured at 11 a.m. on the first Saturday of the month. The Schuylkill County Master Gardeners invite you to a workshop at 1 p.m. on the second Saturday each month - May through September - on how to start your garden, work your garden, harvest your garden, and putting it to bed at the end of the season. Adults Crafting will be featured the third Saturday and Kids Crafting on the fourth Saturday each month, both at 1 p.m.

Many ways to support your Library

Our Calendar Raffle is back! On sale now at \$5 per ticket or five for \$20, the monthly calendar gives you 30 chances to win. All proceeds support the Children's Summer Reading Programs.

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Dine-out events and local, plus online, shopping can return a portion of your purchases to the Library. Some of the area's best restaurants participating include DiMaio's Mustard Seed all day from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. on Tuesday, May 24; Bum's Rush on Wed., June 22; and The Cantina on Wed., August 3. Scanning a tag at Boyer's Food Market, Save-A-Tape at Redner's grocery store, and online buys through smile.amazon.com are all ways to painlessly support your Library. Contact the Library for details.



Run for the Books

The Library is sponsoring a 5K Race/Walk and Fun Run on Saturday, Sept. 17. Called "Run for the Books," the event will be held rain or shine and all ages are welcome.

Registration for those 13 years of age and up will cost \$25 to Sept. 1, \$30 after that date. For youngsters, age 12 and under, registration is \$15 to Sept. 1 and \$20 after. Interested? Run on into the Library and pick up a registration form.

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Memorial Day – More Than Parades and Bar-B-Q

Facts About Decoration Day • Take the Quiz!

For nearly 150 years, Americans have gathered in late spring to honor the sacrifice of those who have given their lives in service to their country. What began with dozens of informal commemorations of those killed in the Civil War has grown to become one of the nation's most solemn and hallowed holidays. From its earliest incarnation as "Decoration Day" to its modern-day observances, here are some surprising facts about the history of Memorial Day.

In May 1868, General John A. Logan, the commander-in-chief of the Union veterans' group known as the Grand Army of the Republic, issued a decree that May 30 should become a nationwide day of commemoration for the more than 620,000 soldiers killed in the recently ended Civil War.

On Decoration Day, as Logan dubbed it, Americans should lay flowers and decorate the graves of the war dead "whose bodies now lie in almost every city, village and hamlet churchyard in the land." According to legend, Logan chose May 30 because it was a rare day that didn't fall on the anniversary of a Civil War battle, though some historians believe the date was selected to ensure that flowers across the country would be in full bloom.

Although the term Memorial Day was used beginning in the 1880s, the holiday was officially known as Decoration Day for more than a century, when it was changed by federal law.

F o u r years later, the Uniform Monday Holiday Act of 1968 finally went into effect, moving Memorial Day from its traditional observance on May 30 (regardless of the day of the week), to a set day – the last Monday in May.

For almost as long as there's been a holiday, there's been a rivalry about who celebrated it first. Boalsburg, Pa., bases its claim on an 1864 gathering of women to mourn those recently killed at Gettysburg. In Carbondale, Illinois, they're certain that they were first, thanks to an 1866 parade led, in part, by John Logan who two years later would lead the charge for an official holiday. There are even two dueling Columbus challengers (one in Mississippi, the other in Georgia) who have battled it out for Memorial Day supremacy for decades.

Despite the increasing celebration of the holiday as a summer rite of passage, there are some formal rituals still on the books. The American flag should be hung at half-staff until noon on Memorial Day, then raised to the top of the staff. And since 2000, when



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Memorial Day – More Than Parades and Bar-B-Q

the U.S. Congress passed legislation, all Americans are encouraged to pause for a National Moment of Remembrance at 3 p.m. local time.

Think you know all there is to know about Memorial Day? Take this quiz and be proven right.

1. What was the holiday now known as Memorial Day originally called?
(a) Reunification Day (b) Soldiers' Day
(c) Remembrance Day (d) Decoration Day
2. Memorial Day started out as a holiday honoring those who died in what war?
(a) Revolutionary War (b) War of 1812
(c) Civil War (d) World War I
3. What flower is traditionally worn as a sign of remembrance on Memorial Day?
(a) Orange lily (b) Blue morning glory
(c) White rose (d) Red poppy
4. What was the bloodiest single-day battle in American history?
(a) Battle of Antietam (b) Battle of Gettysburg
(c) Battle of Shiloh (d) Battle of Okinawa
5. What was the longest war in which U.S. soldiers fought?
(a) Civil War (b) Vietnam War
(c) War in Iraq (d) War in Afghanistan
6. Arlington National Cemetery is built on the confiscated estate of what Confederate Army General?
(a) J.E.B. Stuart (b) Stonewall Jackson
(c) Robert E. Lee (d) Joseph Johnston

7. Flanders Field, the area where Lt. Col. John McCrae noticed red poppies growing on the graves of fallen soldiers during WWI, is located in what country?
(a) Italy (b) Germany
(c) France (d) Belgium

8. Who wrote the Pledge of Allegiance?
(a) Francis Scott Key (b) Francis Bellamy
(c) John Philip Sousa (d) Robert Stanley Weir
9. Which one of the following Revolutionary War heroes is credited with stating, "I only regret that I have but one life to lose for my country"?
(a) Patrick Henry (b) Nathaniel Greene
(c) Nathan Hale (d) Paul Revere
10. Which one of the following is marked as the day that the Allies achieved Victory in Europe and is known as V-E Day?
(a) March 6 (b) May 8
(c) June 6 (d) July 14



ANSWERS: 1. (d) Decoration Day; 2. (c) Civil War; 3. (d) Red Poppy; 4. (a) Antietam; 5. (d) Afghanistan; 6. (c) Robert E. Lee; 7. (d) Belgium; 8. (b) Francis Bellamy; 9. (c) Nathan Hale; 10. (b) May 8

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Lead was a common material used in municipal water system piping until the 1950s. Lead continued to be used in household plumbing into the 1980s; but, has since been identified as a toxin that poses a serious health risk, particularly to developing fetuses, infants, and children.

The Lead and Copper Rule (LCR) is a regulation created under the Federal Safe Drinking Water Act. Focusing on water treatment, it established requirements for water utilities to reduce the amount of lead or copper that dissolves into water from plumbing materials.

The newest regulations, implemented in 2021, require water utility suppliers and conveyors to inventory lead service lines in the community, enhance sampling standards, implement community education and outreach, and to develop and implement a plan for lead line removal.

Lead can be present in some pipes that connect older homes (typically 1950 or older) to the water system and in-home plumbing. Orwigsburg's Water Department adjusts the water's chemistry at the treatment plant to reduce the possibility of lead dissolving into the water.

State and Federal requirements call for system testing throughout the Borough. To date, these tests have not indicated any notable levels of lead. However, to ensure safe water all the way to the home, the Water Department has initiated a lead service line inventory as part of the EPA's Lead and Copper Rule.

In combination with a system-wide water meter replacement program, the Water Department representatives will also document the internal plumbing material coming into the water meter in order to update the system-wide lead service line inventory.

In-home remediation

The best way to protect your household is to remove all lead that comes into contact with drinking water. If you believe your home may have lead pipes or plumbing, there are immediate steps you can take to reduce exposure. They include running the tap for several minutes before use, using

By Tori Morgan – Entech Engineering

only cold water for cooking or drinking, cleaning faucet aerators, and purchasing a home filter certified for lead removal.

Together, let's get the lead out.

Need more information?

There are a number of resources available to learn about lead, water filtration systems and other related issues:

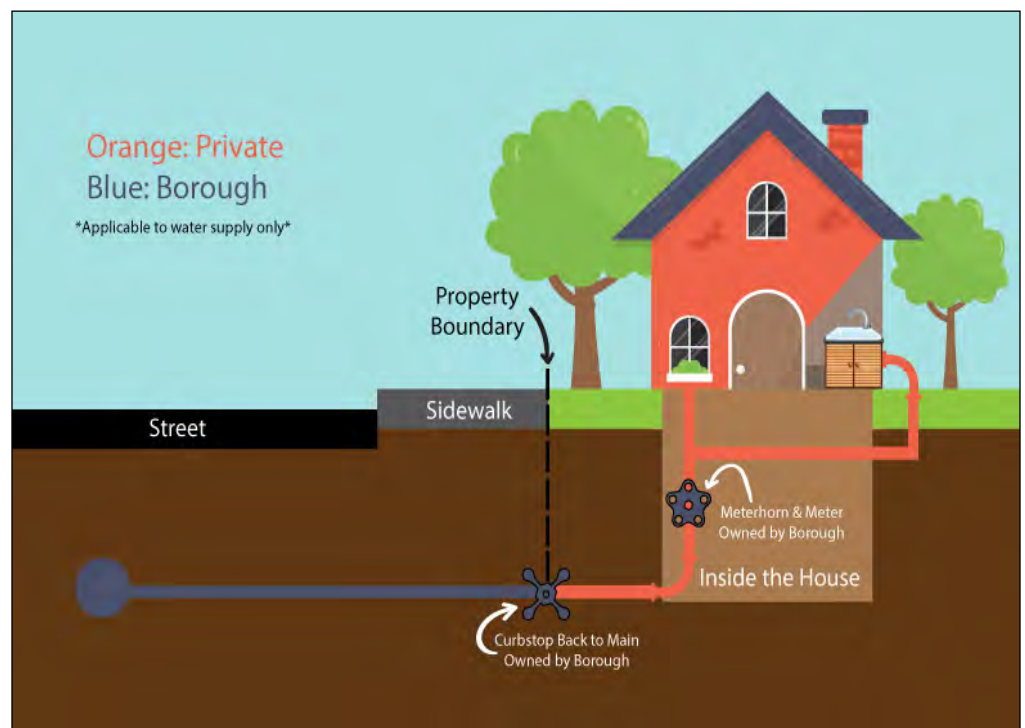
- No one knows more about your water supply than the Orwigsburg Borough Water Department. Call 570-366-3103.
- The PA Department of Environmental Protection has information on sources, reduction methods, exposure, etc. at www.dep.pa.gov/Citizens/My-Water/PublicDrinkingWater.
- The U.S. Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and Prevention has information on lead's health effects and tips for protection from water and other common sources of exposure.

Find out more at www.cdc.gov/nceh/lead.

- A public service of the American Water Works Association – at drinktap.org – was created to provide people information about a variety of water-related issues, from water quality to conservation.

- The federal agency responsible for the safety of America's drinking water – the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency – hosts a comprehensive website that addresses all sources of lead in the home. Go to www.epa.gov/lead.

- NSF International provides consumer information about water filter capabilities, including claims to reduce lead. The NSF can be reached at 800-NSF-8010 and online at www.Nsf.org.



Bike Smart from the Start . . . Wear a Helmet



Remember to wear a helmet EVERY time you ride! It's the law! Helmets are required!

Pennsylvanian law states that everyone under age 12 must wear a helmet. This applies to children operating bicycles and to children who are passengers in a restraining seat or trailer. It's very important for people over age 12 to also wear a helmet. Wearing a helmet makes it easier for others to see you. Be a good example to other bike riders by wearing your helmet.

Quick facts

It is very important that everyone wear a helmet each and every time he/she rides a bike. Most bicycling deaths and serious injuries are due to head injuries.

- Each year, bicycle crashes kill about 900 people ... 200 of those are children under 15 years old.
- At the same time 567,700 people go to hospital emergency rooms due to injuries ... 382,000 are children below 15 years old.
- Each year, 130,000 suffer from head injuries due to bicycle crashes.
- More than 70% of children, ages 5 to 14 (27.7 million), ride bicycles.
- Studies show that wearing a bike helmet can reduce the risk of head injury by 85%.

- Make sure the helmet is properly fitted to your head.

How to properly fit a helmet

Snug on the head – Size your helmet to your head using the right combinations of foam sizing pads or the retention system by using the dial on the back of the helmet to adjust. Adjust the pads. Make sure the helmet cannot move from side to side or up and down.

Wear it low on your forehead – The helmet should have two straps joined with a “tri-glide” to form a “V.” The front and rear strap of each V should be snug when a tri-glide is positioned just below the earlobe.

Tighten Buckle Strap – The buckle strap should fit snug beneath the chin. Only one adult finger should be able to fit between the clip and the chin.

Double-check the fit – When securely fit, your eyebrows should move up and down or side to side with the movement of the helmet. If you see this, you know your helmet is a good fit!



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Memorial Day Chicken Barbecue

Don't forget the annual Orwigsburg Lions Club Memorial Day chicken barbecue held as part of the Memorial Day festivities on Monday, May 30.

The chicken will be pre-barbecued and available at the Orwigsburg Veterans Community Memorial Hall. A full dinner is available, packaged for drive-thru takeout. Tickets will be sold in advance and some may be available during the event. All proceeds are used by the Lions to sponsor local activities.



Sweet Arrow Lake County Park activities

Canoe and kayak rentals will be available Saturdays and Sundays during the summer season beginning May 28 plus Memorial Day, Independence Day and closing on Labor Day, Sept. 5.

Fish for Free Days - Some things in life ARE free and on Sunday, May 29 and Monday, July 4 the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission allows anyone, resident or non-resident, to fish without a fishing license. Fish-for-free days are held twice a year and apply to all waters of the Commonwealth. All other fishing regulations still apply.

Memorial Day Concert - The M&J Big Band will perform at the Large Pavilion on Monday, May 30

from 6 to 8 p.m. In the event of rain, the concert could be postponed to Friday, June 3, beginning at 7 p.m. Bring your own lawn chair.

Schuylkill County Fair

This year's Schuylkill County Fair, themed "Working Together to Keep the Tradition Alive," will be held Mon. to Sat., August 1 thru August 6 at the Fairgrounds off Rt. 895 just east of Summit Station.

Featured entertainment will include Another Side on Monday, Schuylkill County native and Nashville recording artist Rachel Horter on Tuesday, Jeremiah James & The Revival on Wednesday, the Amish Outlaws on Thursday, Elvis tribute performer Brandon Bennett with The Spin Outs on Friday, and Jesse Wade at 7 p.m. on Saturday followed by Little Texas at 9 p.m..

Truck and tractor pulls are featured Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Saturday. Open to all is a Corn Hole Tournament on Thursday.

Admission to the Fairgrounds is just \$5 Monday through Friday and \$7 on Saturday. Children, 10 years old and younger are admitted free with a responsible adult. Parking, as always, is free. An additional cost of \$5 is required for the truck pulls.



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Orwigsburg National Night Out

Save the date! Orwigsburg's first National Night Out will be held on Tuesday, Aug. 2 from 6 to 8 p.m. "On the Square!"

All are invited to be part of the community's support for and partnership with local police officers in this nationwide event. Plan to gather around Center Square by 6 p.m. to greet our Borough and local State police officers who will circle the square in their patrol cars. Wave your flags and give a respectful salute to these men and women in blue.

Officers will then meet and greet families in the M & T Bank / Community Parking Lot as their own thank you to the support always given by the community. This is a simple "night out" to show police officers across the United States that they are valued and appreciated.

This is not a political rally in any way. American flags and clapping our support are simple ways we can be part of this national recognition. St. John's United Church of Christ, E. Market St., Orwigsburg is helping to coordinate this year's National Night Out.

Orwigsburg Senior Citizens

Did you know that the Orwigsburg Senior Citizens was established in 1967 and still going strong. All residents of Orwigsburg and surrounding areas, 55 years young and over, are invited to attend a meeting or planned event and consider membership.

The group meets on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month from March to December. Due to construction going on at the Veterans Community Memorial Hall, meetings will be held through 2022 in the Recreation Room at Applewood Apartments, Applewood Circle past Fisher's Dam off South Washington St.

Regular meetings begin at 11 a.m. with a time for socializing over coffee and sweets. A brief 15-minute meeting starts at 11:45 before breaking for lunch at noon. The meeting then continues from 12:30 to 1 p.m. and is followed by entertainment or a program, cards, and/or bingo. Programs thus far this year featured Scott Rarick, deputy fire chief; Claudia Gross, director of the Orwigsburg Area Free Public Library; and, Dan from the environmental agency.

June meetings will feature Eileen "the hat lady" and music on the 14th and Bingo on the 28th. July will have local historian, Jim Bohrmann, to enlighten and engage on the 12th and card games planned on the 26th. In August, Jenn Bowen, president of the Orwigsburg Historical Society, will present on the 9th; our Senior Picnic is planned for Aug. 23.

September meetings are open for now. Readers, if you know of anyone that would like to talk or entertain, please contact Gerri Rae, our president, at 570-366-4670



Orwigsburg Area Food Pantry

Distribution of food for the needy from the Orwigsburg Area Food Pantry, operating from St. John's UCC, 232 East Market St., will continue for the foreseeable future as a drive-thru on the third Saturday of each month. Cars are to line up on Market St to Sherman St. between the hours of 9 and 11 a.m., weather permitting. All cancellations will be announced on our Facebook page, T-102 radio station, or on the St. John's UCC sign across from the church entrance. Pet food and children's books will be available as long as the supply lasts.

Non-perishables or monetary donations are always needed. Call the Pantry at 570-366-2255 for more information, need, or to help in any way.

Permits and codes protect all

If you own property in Orwigsburg Borough or are a contractor or handyman doing work here, the Borough may require a permit for that new or repair/replacement project. That permit is required if you

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hire someone to do the work as well as if it is a do-it-yourself project on your private property.

Contrary to the beliefs of many, the Borough is not here to stop you from working on your private land. Codes and permits ensure that contractors and owners are not endangering other residential owners/occupants, either to their properties or personally.

Likewise, the Borough tries to ensure, through standardized codes, that the contractor you hire is completing the work in a standardly recognized manner that will not lead to future problems.

It is always nice to see visual indicators of maintenance to homes and properties. However, sometimes appearance can be only "fresh-paint" covering if the substrate is not fixed correctly.

Additional information is available at our webpage: orwigsburg.gov/government/building-zoning/.

Borough holiday schedule

Orwigsburg Borough offices and employee operations will close on Monday, May 30 (Memorial Day); Monday, July 4 (Independence Day); and Monday, Sept. 5 (Labor Day).

Lions Club H.E.L.P.

Are you or a loved one in need of any of these items to aid in recovery from illness or surgery?

- Wheelchair

- Walker - stationary & folding
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- Crutches
- Shower seat
- Bedside commode/bedpan
- Over-toilet seat with handrails
- Temporary tub hand rail
- Recliner chair with auto-lift seat



The Orwigsburg Lions' "Health Equipment Loan Program" (HELP) provides these items to local residents at no charge as a community service. To arrange a loan, call Larry Dagna at 570-617-6149.

Getting the word out

We use the Borough website Orwigsburg.gov as a valuable tool to keep residents and property owners informed about the happenings in the Borough. Our staff will keep the home page current with news on upcoming events and information on past events in the Borough.

The website lists borough meeting schedules. Minutes from these meetings are posted after they have been reviewed and approved by the appropriate body. The subdivision and zoning codes are also available for all to view. Numerous forms can be accessed, including applications for Albright's Woods usage. Trash day pickup changes will also be posted.

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Links to other websites, such as the Lions Club, library, churches and fire company are on the website.

The website also includes a link allowing residents to enter their contact information into the borough's **Swiftreach 911** emergency notification system. This site allows the Borough to notify residents via telephone, text message and email of boil water advisories, weather emergencies or any other emergencies in a prompt manner.

Curb your animal

The Borough Office has received numerous complaints of pet owners walking their dogs and failing to clean up after defecation on both public and private property. Property owners, also, are reminded to pick up the feces of their own pets from their property within a reasonable time.

Both are public health violations as stipulated in Borough Ordinance 299 and subject to a fine up to \$600 for each offense.

The Orwigsburg Police Department has been made aware of this growing problem by inconsiderate residents. Neighbors and property owners witnessing these violations are urged to call the police at 570-366-3101 and file a complaint.

Many residents take advantage of the parks and walking trail and are discouraged by the lack of consideration shown by some pet owners. Homeowners in the Borough who take great pride when maintain-

ing their properties feel violated when having to clean feces left by a passing dog or roaming cat when their masters seem oblivious to the community responsibilities of pet ownership.

Now available - Credit/debit bill pay

It is the responsibility of all property owners to pay their quarterly utility bills in full by the due date printed on the invoice.

Providing our residents with a higher level of customer service, Orwigsburg Borough now accepts credit and debit card payments for water, sewer, and trash service. Customers can make payments online at www.orwigsburg.net or at the Borough Office with major credit and debit cards.

Customers may continue to pay by cash, check or money order at the Borough Office, Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Additionally, checks may be mailed to Orwigsburg Borough, 209 North Warren Street, Orwigsburg, PA 17961, or deposited in the 24/7 drop-off box located at the front door to Borough Hall.

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Property owners must keep all premises and exterior property free from weeds or plant growth in excess of 6 inches. All noxious weeds are prohibited.

Weeds are defined as all grasses, annual plants and vegetation, other than trees or shrubs. This regulation, however, does not include cultivated flowers and gardens.

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Newsletter Particulars

"Orwigsburg Happenings" is a quarterly newsletter of the Borough of Orwigsburg distributed to 2,000 households within the borough.

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News Submittals

Nonprofit and community organizations within the Borough are invited to submit news items for consideration. Written submittals must be received by Kathi Mengle in the borough offices, kmengle@orwigsburg.gov or call 570-366-3103 for info, three weeks prior to the publication date.

Advertising

Businesses wishing to reach every household in the Borough of Orwigsburg are invited to advertise in future issues. Contact South Schuylkill Printing & Publishing for more information. Call Barb @ 570-385-3120. All advertisements must be received at least three weeks prior to the publication dates. Ad content is subject to approval and acceptance by the Borough of Orwigsburg.

A handy chart of typical recyclable items and a description of the overall program was distributed three years ago. If you have misplaced this insert or need another, printed copies are still available at the Borough Office or by viewing and download from the Borough website, Orwigsburg.gov.

Compliance with these changes by most residents has significantly improved the quality of Orwigsburg's recycling. County Waste has requested that we follow three of the guidelines more closely.


- All items placed in the bin are to be loose, no bagging!
- No styrofoam; it is not a recyclable in their program.
- Be careful not to accidentally put wet items, trash, or garbage in the recycle bin.

Spring and fall are good times to rinse out the recycle bin. Flush it out and let it dry before placing recyclables back in.

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For example ... if your property has an apparent clog in the waste system resulting in your need to hire a contractor (i.e. Roto Rooter, or others) to remove the clog, you must notify the Borough before you do. This will allow the Borough to perform an inspection to determine where the problem lies and to possibly resolve the problem. Failure to contact the Borough in advance may result in all costs being your responsibility.

But note, the Borough is responsible only after it leaves your property, from the curb to the main and beyond.

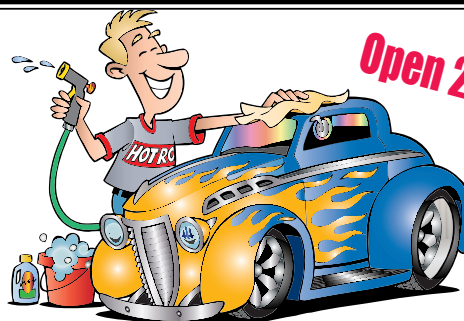
The Borough, at its discretion, may hire the contractor ... might perform the work itself ... or, if the issue is determined to be the property owner's responsibility, recommend to the owner that they hire the contractor.

If you have a joint sewer line with a neighbor, you should contact the other party on the line to make arrangements for repairs. But there are simple, common sense practices all homeowners, renters, and businesses can follow to prevent sewer backup issues before they begin.

- Toilet tissue is the only easily dissolved cleanup product to be safely flushed down your toilet. Don't be fooled by marketing ploys that claim other items are "flushable." The manufacturers of such products won't be paying to have your sewer lines cleaned out.
- Feminine products – Tampons and other feminine hygiene products are not to be flushed down the toilet.
- Cooking grease/food – Grease should never be poured down any drain, period. It may look like a liquid that can easily be dumped down a drain; but, when it cools, it will congeal and clog your pipes. Collect your grease in a glass jar and throw it in the trash.
- Baby wipes/wet wipes/cleaning pads – These "adult baby wipes" are becoming increasingly popular nowadays. They are also increasingly causing clogs and backups in sewage pipes. If you must use these, throw them away in the trash can. Flushing wet wipes can easily turn into an expensive

problem when you have to call a plumber to snake your toilet.

- Dental floss – Floss is not biodegradable. It can cause serious clogs and environmental damage.
- Q-tips/cotton balls – You might think that cotton will break down, but it doesn't! It clumps together, causing blockages at bends in the pipes.
- Diapers – Just because there is human waste inside does not mean these are "okay" to flush. Diapers are made to expand in water. In the unlikely case you actually get the diaper to flush, it will likely cause a blockage.
- Pills – Never flush prescription or non-prescription medications. They have toxic effects on groundwater supplies. Many police departments and pharmacies will accept your expired and unused pills for proper and safe disposal. Information can be found at the state website: <https://apps.ddap.pa.gov/gethelpnow/pilldrop.aspx>
- Paper towels/tissues – Tissues and paper towels are not made to dissolve like toilet tissue; throw them in the trash.
- Cigarette butts – Cigarettes are full of toxic chemicals that end up going straight into the groundwater supply. If you have to smoke, throw the butts away properly.



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Things to Know for Curbside Pick-Up of Unwants

The vast majority of Orwigsburg Borough residents take personal pride in maintaining a safe, attractive and healthy community, respectful of one another and welcoming to visitors.

Remember to respect your neighbors and to lend assistance, if needed, when storing and then placing trash and recycling containers for collection.

The Borough requires that all waste receptacles be stored behind or to the side of your property. Particularly, we ask that trash and its receptacles not be stored along any property side that faces a sidewalk.

Please see the rules below and the Borough website, Orwigsburg.gov, for schedules and information.

Refuse/recycling collection

The Borough contracts with GFL Environmental, Inc. for the weekly refuse and biweekly recycling collection. Curbside pickup is on Tuesday for properties on Market Street and north ... and on Friday for properties south of Market Street.

Residents are allowed up to six containers of refuse and ten containers of yard vegetation waste per weekly pick-up. The cost for collection is included in the Borough's quarterly utility billing.

Keep Orwigsburg Beautiful! Residents are asked to be considerate of the "streetscape" in front of their properties. Store your refuse and recycling containers to the rear or side of your building out-of-sight for neighbors and passers-by.

Ensure that your containers are closed and secure to avoid scattering by wind or animals.

How do holidays affect trash/recycling?

GFL Environmental observes six major holidays - Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day,

Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day, and New Years Day - that may change the normal Tuesday/Friday collections.

Here are the simple Holiday Schedule Rules:

- If the holiday falls on a Monday or Tuesday, trash/recycling pickup will be delayed one day for every household ... Tuesday pickup will move to Wednesday; Friday pickup will move to Saturday.

- If the holiday falls on Wednesday thru Friday, the Tuesday pickup will not be affected; but, the Friday pickup will move to Saturday.

- If the holiday falls on Saturday or Sunday, the normal Tuesday and Friday pickups will not be affected.

Memorial Day, of course, is always observed on a Monday - this year on May 30. Normal Tuesday collection will be delayed until Wednesday, June 1; normal Friday collection will be on Saturday, June 4.

Since July 4 - Independence Day - falls on a Monday this year, the same change in collection days, as Memorial Day above, will be observed.

Recycling electronics

Federal law prohibits landfill disposal of desktop computers, laptops, monitors and peripherals, and televisions. These electronics must be recycled during special collection events or arranged privately (usually at a cost) with companies offering responsible electronics recycling.

Recycling sources for electronics and other household hazardous waste can be found on the Schuylkill County government website. Search for Office of Solid Waste & Resource Management.

GFL Environmental will not take these in normal refuse or recycling collection.

Monthly large item pickup

One large item (furniture, etc.) may be placed at the curb beside your regular trash once per month. The collection date is the second Tuesday of each month for residents on Market Street and north ... and the Friday following the second Tuesday for residents south of Market Street.

Residents should place trash at the curb any time after 6 p.m. on evenings prior to collection. Because pickup times vary, do not wait until the morning of collection to place garbage.

Month	Tues.	Fri.
May	10	13
June	14	17
July	12	15
Aug.	9	12

LARGE ITEM PICKUP DATES

Construction materials (shingles, drywall, cabinets, insulation, etc.) may not be placed at the curb with your regular trash. You must lease a commercial container for this purpose. Contact Orwigsburg Borough at 570-366-3103 for assistance and to acquire a permit before placing the container.

Who Ya Gonna Call?

Emergency..... 9-1-1

Non-Emergency.....628-3792

Borough Office.....366-3103

Police Department...366-3101

Friendship Fire.....366-1500

Orwigsburg Amb....366-2331

Historical Society...366-8769

District Magistrate...366-0244

Tax Collector.....366-0288

Library.....366-1638

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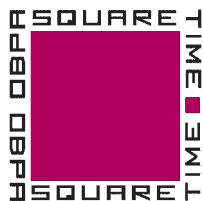
The Orwigsburg Business and Professional Association (OBPA) has elected its Board of Directors, held its annual Meet & Greet Membership Mixer at the Schuylkill Country Club in April, and has announced its calendar of 2022 community events with exciting, entertaining and affordable activities for residents and visitors of all ages.

Square Time activities aplenty

Square Time is a time of celebration, sponsored and coordinated by OBPA, for residents and visitors. All festivities in the 11th annual schedule will be held on or about the OBPA Community/M&T Bank lot at the center of our beautiful town square. Square Time showcases local businesses, area performers, food trucks and unique vendors.



JUNE JAMBOREE - Back by popular demand, June Jamboree will be enjoyed Thursday, June 9 from 5 to 8 p.m. It will feature live entertainment, food vendors, artists, plus wine, beer, and distillers.



FARM-TO-SQUARE - This annual town favorite will be held on Thursday, Aug. 11 from 5 to 8 p.m. Vendors of all kinds will be on hand plus live entertainment. The focus of the evening will be farm fresh produce and goods from local sources. OBPA

thanks Stein's Farm Market, a valued local farm and longtime member of OBPA, for being a major sponsor of this event.

HERITAGE DAY - Always held on the Saturday after Labor Day, Orwigsburg will once again celebrate its past, showcase its present, and revel in its future promise with the 30th Orwigsburg Heritage Celebration on September 10 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Non-stop live entertainment will feature multiple bands and a variety of street performers throughout the day.

SMALL BUSINESS WEEK - Community-wide "shop locally" promotion - Nov. 26 thru Dec. 3.

FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS - We don't want to rush the season, but you need to mark your calendar for this one - the always enjoyed Festival of Lights. This year it will be held on Saturday, Dec. 3 beginning at 4:30 on the always beautifully lit Centre Square.

2022 Board of Directors

OBPA membership continues to be strong year-after-year, enjoying a total of 107 members in each of the last two years. Our members run the gamut of businesses and professionals, non-profit organizations, and very enthusiastic individuals that want nothing more than to improve Orwigsburg and its surrounding communities.

Leading OBPA this year are the following Board of Directors - Ben Forbes (attorney at Williamson, Friedberg & Jones), Jeff Lentz (M&T Bank), Allen

Fidler (Advisemint Financial Partners), Brenda Binns (Brenda Binns Fine & Graphic Art), Melissa Valentine (Edward Jones), Kay Jones (St. John's UCC), Dave Teter (Orwigsburg Borough and Friendship Hose Co.), and Bill Knecht (South Schuylkill Printing & Publishing).

Improving our community for all

Supporting other organizations in Orwigsburg Borough, and the surrounding region is a prime part of OBPA's mission.

In past years, OBPA has purchased sidewalk benches and trash/recycling containers for the Orwigsburg downtown "square" and an enhanced AED unit for use by the Police Department. The directional wayfinding sign, located at the M&T/Community Parking Lot at Market and North Warren

St. was also an OBPA project.

Dedicated on Arbor Day last year, OBPA funded the planting of four trees located along Market Street and on Centre Square. The organization also assisted a local Eagle Scout project through the Friendship Hose Co. to provide quick connectors on Borough fire hydrants and the street marking of hydrant locations.

New membership year begins July 2022

Orwigsburg is open for business!

The Orwigsburg business community continues to grow and thrive while maintaining the ambiance of small town feel and culture.

It's widely believed - businesses thrive when joining together to create energy in their community, promoting each other, and bolstering the economic vitality, variety, and attractiveness of our retail, service, and professional business environment.

New, fresh ideas how OBPA can assist with bettering greater Orwigsburg are invited and encouraged.

Join us! We welcome new members - existing and new businesses, non-profit organizations, and individuals - who want to improve our community are encouraged to join.

Email us at orwigsburgbusinesspa@gmail.com. Also, follow OBPA member activities and promotions on our Facebook page.

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Orwigsburg Historical Society

Your Membership & Support for OHS Preserves the Past

The Orwigsburg Historical Society (OHS) and Museum, located at 109 E. Mifflin St., proclaims its ongoing mission is to preserve a legacy for our children.

The public is invited to tour the facility and view its collection on Tuesday and Thursday each week from noon until 4 p.m. Arrangements for other times can be made by appointment. Contact the Society by calling 570-627-7809 or 570-366-8769 for more information regarding visits or services.

Monthly programs are open to all

Visitors are encouraged to bring photos and items for sharing at historical society programs. Free and open to the public, the Society has announced the following - part of its 28th annual series, "Tracing Schuylkill County's History & Heritage 2022."

All are featured on the third Thursday of the month, beginning at 7 p.m., and presented at the Society in a "live audience" setting. Refreshments and fellowship accompany all programs. Visit and "like" the OHS on Facebook for updates.

- Thursday, June 16 - "Ironing Day," will be presented by Bob Lee, historian and collector. Using an extensive collection of artifacts, the audience will be taken back in time when every day of the week was reserved for a specific household task. Before modern conveniences like electric dryers and steamers, "Ironing Day" was a weekly event for every homemaker.

- Thursday, July 21 - "The Schuylkill County Almshouse," presented by Richard Nagle, Schuylkill County historian and collector of all things Schuylkill. Rick will share his historical research and personal collection of photos to explain how the "County Home" was used as a poor house, insane asylum, hospital and rest home. Stories about its history, residents, scandals and demise will be offered, along with photographs during its existence.

- Thursday, August 18 - "The Art of Quilting," presented by Cyndi Hershey, author, educator, and director of quilt education and development for the Kutztown Folk Festival's "Quilt Barn." Cyndi will share her expertise in the areas of design, quilting, and textiles.

Heritage Day on Saturday, Sept. 10

Join Orwigsburg native, John Hoptak, at 1 p.m. for a very special program documenting the burial places of some of Schuylkill County's well-known and lesser-known Civil War soldiers. Along the way, discover the stories of their service and sacrifice. John is an author, historian, and currently works as a Park Ranger/

Educator with the National Park Service at Gettysburg National Military Park.

Support local history; be a member

In addition to restoring and revitalizing the former Friendship Hose Co. No.1 firehouse and our town's "Old Jail," the Orwigsburg Historical Society provides free public programs on local history topics, conducts genealogy and property searches, houses a research library, and maintains a museum filled with local artifacts that tell the story of Orwigsburg and Southern Schuylkill County's rich cultural heritage and history!

OHS exists, and continues to operate, thanks to

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donations and annual membership contributions from people and businesses, past and present, that consider the Orwigsburg region their hometown or adopted new town.

Won't you please consider a membership in the OHS?

Where is Peter Orwig buried?

The Society naturally receives many inquiries regarding the Orwig Family on a regular basis. One question that always arises is, "Where is Peter Orwig buried?" According to several sources, Peter is supposedly buried in Zion's Red Church Cemetery.

He is not! So where is Peter Orwig's final resting place? If you have any ideas on this, please contact us, so we can finally solve this mystery.

Wanted, volunteers!

Over the next several months, the Society will work on a number of projects at the museum and the "Old Jail." Volunteers are urgently needed to help with these projects. If you are interested in assisting, please call the Society at 570-366-8769, 570-617-7809 or email us at peanut1212@comcast.net. You can also message us via our Facebook page.

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St. John's UCC

St. John's United Church of Christ, 232 E. Market St., wishes everyone a safe and healthy summer!

Join us in worship on Sundays at 10 a.m. Our beautiful sanctuary is surrounded with stained glass windows dating from 1907 when the church was built. Communion is held on the first Sunday of each month. Worship services can also be viewed on Facebook and the church website at StJohnOrwigsburg.org.

Pastor Jeff Johnson has a Facebook devotional every Tuesday afternoon and a Facebook "thought for the day" that posts every Thursday morning. These remain available for viewing at any time on the St. John's Orwigsburg Facebook page.

Our Sunday School program, for youngsters of kindergarten age through seventh grade, takes a summer vacation, ending the last Sunday of May and resuming again in September. Confirmation classes will resume again in September for 7th grade students.

Graduating seniors will be honored at the annual worship/picnic on June 12 at Albright's Woods. Worship starts at 10 a.m. and is followed by a meal. Everyone is invited to attend.

Two Bible studies are ongoing throughout the year. Contact Kay Jones at 570-366-1333 for details regarding an email Bible study. Contact the church office at 570-366-2255 for information on the Bible study led by Pastor Jeff held at the church and on Zoom.

An exercise class is held for senior citizens every Wednesday in the Fellowship Center from 10:30 to 11:15 a.m. Call the church office for more information.

A new program through Diakon Senior Services - Healthy Steps in Motion - will be held at St. John's every Tuesday and Thursday from 10 to 11 a.m. beginning July 12 and ending August 4. Register by calling 570-624-3017. Other community activities will be posted on Facebook or the church sign throughout the year.



St. John's will help coordinate Orwigsburg's National Night Out on Tuesday, Aug. 2 from 6 to 8 p.m. honoring police officers. This is a nationwide event celebrated in towns and cities across America. Assemble on Orwigsburg's Centre Square to show our community spirit and support for local State and Borough police.

The Orwigsburg Area Food Pantry is housed in St. John's and distributes food the third Saturday of each month. Eight area churches support the Food Pantry, as do the Orwigsburg Lions Club, Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, Blue Mountain

School District and many volunteers.


Canned goods, cereal, pastas are always welcome and can be dropped off at the Boyer's Food Market box at the entrance to the Orwigsburg store, or dropped off at the church office on Monday from 9 a.m. to noon or on Thursday and Friday from 2 to 5 p.m. Checks should be made payable to the Orwigsburg Area Food Pantry. This outreach mission has existed for more than 40 years.

We invite anyone interested in discovering St. John's to come to one of our "Learn about St. John's"

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sessions, held periodically. Learn more and have questions answered. Call the church office at 570-366-2255. No matter where you are on life's journey, you are always welcome at St. John's.

St. Paul's Lutheran

The members and friends of St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 215 North Warren Street, welcome everyone to join them for worship and to consider becoming part of an active and growing community of faith.



We encourage everyone who has not been fully vaccinated for COVID-19 to consider wearing a face mask and allowing space between themselves and others during worship.

Our traditional worship services are held on Saturday evenings at 5:30 p.m. and on Sunday mornings at 8 and 10:30 a.m. Holy Communion is shared at worship

on the first Saturday and at every Sunday service.

Beginning Sunday, June 5, our congregation will begin our summer worship schedule with Saturday worship at 5:30 p.m., but with only one Sunday worship scheduled at 9:30 a.m. Our Sunday school program for children ages 1-10 will be on break during the summer months.

Also on Sunday, June 5 - the Day of Pentecost - our congregation will celebrate all our recent graduates, preschoolers to collegians, during our 9:30 a.m. worship service. We will also gather for refreshments and fellowship following this service.

Beginning on Sunday, August 7 our congregation will begin collecting personal care items to benefit "Opportunity House" located in Pottsville. This outreach is part of our "God's Work. Our Hands" community project. Opportunity House serves homeless veterans as well as their families (and others) who are in need in our area.

We invite all students, school personnel, as well as parents, grandparents, and guardians to join us for our "Blessing of the Backpack" service in late August. Check our Facebook page or website to confirm the date.

We encourage everyone to consider supporting the suffering people of Ukraine through a trusted non-profit organization. Lutheran Disaster Response ministers to the people of Ukraine and provides humanitarian aid through ecumenical partners such as Lutheran World Federation and Church World Service. If you would like to donate to Lutheran Disaster Response, please make your check payable to St. Paul's Lutheran Church and write "LDR - Eastern Europe Crisis Response" on the memo line.

Visit our Facebook page, website, or YouTube to watch our weekly online worship. You can also call Pastor Mike Petresky at the church office at 570-366-2316.

Salem UMC

Hello again Orwigsburg! One of your friendly neighborhood pastors here - Stacy Gonzalez - checking in to see how you're doing?

There continues to be a lot happening - in the world and in each of our lives. So, I truly want to know, "How are you?" I hope you are taking time to

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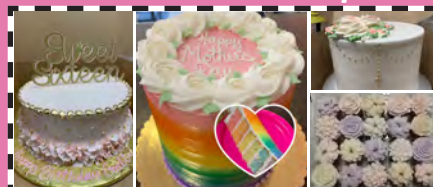
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rest and to experience moments of joy. How can we as a church help you do that?

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peace; a place to breathe amidst all of the madness in the world; and a place to experience the fullness of life that comes from connection with God and each other.

What do you need most right now? A small group of people to connect and share life with? A place for your kids to belong? A group to talk about issues of justice? A place to study the Bible, a place to pray, a pastor to listen, a place to serve, a space to dream big about community connection? What is it for you? How can we partner together to help one another to flourish?

Want to join us some Sunday for worship? Let us

know and we will save a seat for you! Want to connect over a cup of coffee or cone of ice cream? Give me a call! And remember always, we are in this together!

Mark your calendar! Salem's annual back-to-school FREE Block Party will be held on Sunday, Aug. 28. It's an afternoon of pure joy

Faith Church

Faith Church is located at 1168 Centre Turnpike, just outside Orwigsburg on Rt. 61. I'm senior pastor Doug Cresswell.



For anyone living in the Northeast for more than 50 years as I have, it's easy to understand why the springtime here is so spectacular. Once the winds begin to calm, God opens this beautiful land with the greenest grass and the brightest flowers you could imagine. Farm fields are plowed, planted and the natural beauty of Pennsylvania explodes.

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Last summer, a team of creative, loving people created a program - Finding Purpose With E's - that is an innovative way to share what Faith Church means to our friends and community. It allows our members to seek the plan and purpose that God has created for each of us through a self-paced, faith-filled process. Faith's own Dr. Tiffany Cresswell-Yeager headed the design and launch of this program. I'm delighted to say it is producing spectacular results.

When a person or family comes and finds interest in Faith Church, they enter the first "E" - "Explore" phase ... what is this place all about? We welcome them to participate.

When ready, the next phase is a 1-hour session we call "Engage," that focuses on our beliefs, what we perceive our church's role is, and what each person's role can be in our community.

Next, and importantly at each person's pace, one can enter the phase of "Equip." Here a seeker can be guided with information to understand how God views our world, how much He truly loves us, and what He has prepared for us.

An individual's pace is his/hers. When ready, we move to the "Empower" phase where one discovers how God designed them and what He may have planned.

Finally, the "Entrust" phase prepares a ministry plan for the manner of which God created you. This

program has brought some of the most exciting times to our church community.

We invite anyone to Faith Church. We are a church designed for Loving God, Loving People and Serving the Community.

Kimmels Church

It's that time of year again when the warm weather awakens the imagination ... and people begin making their big plans for the summer.

For families with youngsters, we hope one of your plans involves Vacation Bible School (VBS). Open to all children of the community, four years old to those about to enter sixth

grade next school year, VBS at Kimmels will "zoom off" to the "Land Down Under - Australia" and a week of "Zoomerang - Returning to the Value of Life."

It all starts on Monday, July 11 from 6 to 8:30 p.m. and continues daily through Friday, July 15. Registration is available on our website kimmelschurch.org.



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Get signed up now and pass the word to your friends. Don't miss out! It will be a VBS to remember!

Sunday worship at Kimmels Church is held at 10 a.m. All are welcome to worship in person or remotely from wherever you might roam this summer. All services are live-streamed on Facebook.

For those who don't know, Kimmels Church is located just outside Orwigsburg Borough on the eastern end. We're at 179 Pine Creek Drive, just off Kimmels Road. For more information, visit our website or call the church office at 570-943-2759.

New Awakening Church

If you are tired, if you are lonely, if you are questioning ... there's a place for you here.

New Awakening began with a vision to create a space where you could encounter God's love, realize His purpose for your life, and delight in who you were created to be. In short, it would be a place of love, truth, and new beginnings. We're not perfect people, but we really want you to know that you matter and that you're valued by God.

We meet in a gym. Yup, a gym. Jesus brought hope to the people by living and ministering among them. We want to do the same. So, when we say that we want to meet you where you're at ... we really mean it. Our service begins with contemporary-style music and prayer. The children then make their way to their own exciting church service. Kids' church and nursery

are provided each week. The service concludes with a practical and relatable message. Then it's time for coffee (and cookies and cakes and just about everything else!).



So, come join us Sunday mornings at 10 a.m. at the Schuylkill Racquet Club just outside Orwigsburg (25 S. Greenview Rd.). Or join us for services online at [facebook.com/newawakeningchurch](https://www.facebook.com/newawakeningchurch) or on YouTube, Twitter, and Instagram. Check us out at www.newawakeningchurch.com for more information.

You can also connect and meet some new faces during one of our mid-week group gatherings. We have a men's fellowship, a women's fellowship, and even a fellowship for moms and school-aged children, including a gym class! This summer will bring special fellowship happenings - a picnic, mini golf, bouncy house fun, youth Bible skits, and more.

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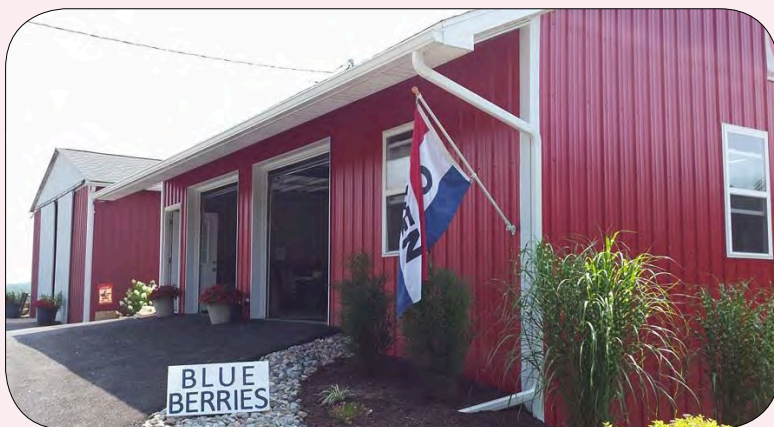
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